

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 368

By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Hester Freeman on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Hester Freeman will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 10, 2007, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the third child born to Sarah Katherine Christian Freeman and Joe Wilson Freeman, Hester Freeman was at born her family's home on Choto Road in Concord, Tennessee, and was raised in the Knoxville area, graduating from the University of Tennessee in 1928 with a Bachelor of Arts degree; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her community, Hester Freeman was a teacher for forty-three years with the Knoxville School System, beginning in 1928 and continuing until her much deserved retirement in 1972; and

WHEREAS, during her exemplary teaching tenure, Miss Freeman served at Farragut, Fountain City Grammar School, Powell, Carter, Central, and Bearden high schools and primarily taught classes in U.S. History, English, and Spanish; and

WHEREAS, Hester Freeman is an active member of the Bearden Retired Active Teachers, also knows as the "BRATS" and in 2006, she attended the first annual Central retired teachers' luncheon; and

WHEREAS, a faithful member of Central Baptist Church, Miss Freeman is also a member of the Samuel Frazier Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, First Families of Tennessee and the Lost State of Franklin, the United Daughters of the Confederacy,

American Association of University Women, Gateway Garden Club, Rachiff Gardens, and Delta Zeta Sorority; and

WHEREAS, as Hester Freeman approaches her 11th decade, she is still an active and productive member of society who enjoys watching University of Tennessee Volunteers sporting events, visiting with friends, and enjoying the beauty of nature on local and mountain outings; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Hester Freeman on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.